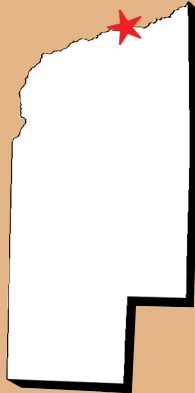




NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION

# Eugene T. Mahoney STATE PARK



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Eugene T. Mahoney State Park overlooks the picturesque valley of the Platte River near Ashland. Managed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, this premier 690-acre park is open year-round, and its location on I-80 between Nebraska's two largest cities makes it readily accessible for all-season outdoor recreation.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Secluded on wooded ridge tops, the 54 modern, housekeeping cabins are available throughout the year. Linens, tableware, and basic cookware are provided. Each cabin has air conditioning/heat, fireplace, TV, refrigerator, range, outdoor deck and grill. Five, four-bedroom cabins can host larger families or group retreats. The other cabins all have two bedrooms, and some are handicap accessible.

Peter Kiewit Lodge offers 40 guest rooms, each with AC and heat, telephone, TV, and a private bath. Sixteen have sleeping lofts, and all but 16 rooms have walkout decks that overlook the park or the Platte River. Lodge rooms have two queen beds or one king bed each. Off-season rates are available on park lodging.

Little Creek and Lakeside campgrounds offer 149 spacious, hard-surfaced pads, situated among mature shade trees near Owen Marina Lake. Each site has both 30 and 20 amp electrical hookups with some sites having 50 amp service. Modern shower/latrine buildings and drinking water are conveniently located in both areas. There is a coin-operated laundry in the shower building at Little Creek. Trailer dump stations and water are available near the park entrance. Tent camping is available on the park.

## FOOD SERVICE

Kiewit Lodge restaurant serves three meals daily, featuring a buffet at noon daily and all-day Sunday.

The restaurant will cater within the park. Owen Marina serves sandwiches, snacks, and drinks daily from May through September. The camp store at the marina carries ice, soft-serve ice cream and other basic grocery and camping supplies.

## MAKING RESERVATIONS

Cabin and lodge room reservations are accepted for two or more nights up to a year in advance of arrival date, and can be made on-line, by phone or in person during regular park office hours. A two-night minimum stay is required; unless it is a one-night stay positioned between two prior reservations or a walk in registration for that day's business.

Half of the modern campsites at Eugene T. Mahoney State Park can be reserved prior to arrival; the remainder are available on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations may be made up to a year in advance of arrival date, and can be made on-line, by phone or in person.

To make reservations online, go to [www.outdoornebraska.org](http://www.outdoornebraska.org). Phone reservations can be made through our call center at **(402) 471-1414**. The center is open from 9 am to 6 pm Central Time, seven days a week.

There is a nonrefundable \$5 reservation fee for each site or unit reserved by phone or in person, or \$4 for each online reservation. The reservation fee applies to each site or unit reserved, regardless of the

length of time of the reservation.

## GROUP AND MEETING FACILITIES

Mahoney State Park has ample facilities to accommodate groups for meetings, retreats, banquets, reunions and the like, which may be reserved up to one year in advance. Secluded in the northern reaches of the park, the Lee and Helene Sapp Riverview Lodge offers an ideal setting for a meeting or retreat. The hall can seat 144 people at tables and is rented with a fully-equipped kitchen. Riverview has AC and heat, a fireplace, and deck overlooking the Platte River. The lower level houses the park arts and crafts center. The ice rink pavilion is reservable for large group picnics during the summer.

Kiewit Lodge has nine meeting or conference rooms. The Abel Nebraska Room can seat 100 people at tables. The executive-style Sandstedt Platte Room seats 12 comfortably. Located on the second floor, both have scenic views of the park. Four lower-level meeting rooms seat 25 people each, while another can handle 36 people. Named for Nebraska state symbols, these rooms can be combined to serve larger groups.

If your park visit requires a meeting room, catering needs or picnic shelters, we have a department specific to those needs, please call **(402-944-2523 extension 7327)**.



*Brilliant sky frames Peter Kiewit Lodge, home to the park conference center, lodging, restaurant and gift shop (cover). James Family Conservatory is your chance to see a variety of greenery at a working greenhouse (lower left). Relax at Owen Marina and enjoy a cool breeze, ride a paddleboat or restock your supplies at the store (above center). Cabins with a view are air conditioned and heated for comfortable year-round use; all boast fireplaces (middle center). Year-round, there are fun things to do at the Activity Center and Ice Rink (bottom center). Water slides, wave pool, swimming and wading pools are big attractions on warm days (bottom right). Then, you can explore the park on horseback on one of the ever-popular trail rides (back cover).*

## PARK ACTIVITIES

Open Memorial Day through Labor Day, the Family Aquatic Center boasts a regulation-size pool with diving area, concession, wading pool, spacious sundeck, wave pool and two twisting, 236-foot water slides. Season pool passes are available.

The James Family Conservatory is a dual-purpose facility, devoted to displays on native Nebraska plants and aquatic resources and also a working greenhouse, where plants are grown for the park and other Commission areas. Near the conservatory is the Ruth Giger Memorial Waterway. A system of trails connect the Waterway to the conservatory, Owen Marina, and the parking lot west of the pool and Owen Tennis Courts.

The John R. Lauritzen Driving Range gives golfers a chance to practice their skills, and clubs are available for those wanting to learn the game. For family fun, visit the 18-hole Esther Marie Daniel Miniature Golf Course nearby.

There are two lakes on the park — 4½-acre Baright Lake and 10-acre QWEST Lake. Fishing is allowed in both lakes subject to special regulations. The larger lake has two fishing piers. The Ruth Giger Memorial Fishing Bridge on Baright Lake and the west pier on QWEST Lake provide access for handicapped anglers, and ice fishing is available there in winter. Anglers should inquire about regulations and conditions before planning an outing.

A host of traditional state park activities are available at Mahoney. Trail rides depart from the John Wayne Riding Stables. Paddleboats are available on Baright Lake. Other facilities include the Owen tennis courts, softball diamond and nature and hiking trails, including a new 3-mile concrete multipurpose trail. The 70-foot tall Walter Scott Jr. Observation Tower offers panoramic

views of the surrounding area. There's a gift shop and game room at Kiewit Lodge. The Denman and Mary Mallory Kountze Memorial Theater offers summer stock and special presentations. It is also available for group rental.

Many park activities are offered only during the peak operating season from May through October. During other months special activities are held on weekends or by advance arrangements with the park office. Weather can dictate the outdoor fun at Mahoney. But, there is year-round recreation at the Activity Center & Ice Skating Rink with action on the rock climbing, golf and hunting simulators. With sufficient snowfall sledding and cross-country skiing are popular activities, and the toboggan run near Riverview Lodge also attracts winter sports enthusiasts.

## EUGENE T. MAHONEY

Few Nebraskans have achieved a more outstanding public service record than Eugene T. Mahoney. As a police officer, Nebraska state senator, director of the Nebraska Game

and Parks Commission from 1976-88, and executive director of the Henry Doorly Zoo Foundation, he strived throughout his life to help create a better Nebraska. On June 1, 1985, the State Legislature recognized his leadership in the revitalization of Nebraska's state parks by naming this park for him. The park opened in 1991.

## INFORMATION

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| ① Walter Scott Jr. Observation Tower   | ⑨ Fred H Hawkins Toboggan Runs                         |
| ② John Wayne Riding Stable             | ⑩ Bur Oak Picnic                                       |
| ③ James Family Conservatory            | ⑪ Leo and Irene Timmerman Wild Turkey Picnic Shelter   |
| ④ John R. Lauritzen Golf Driving Range | ⑫ Irene Philpot Picnic Area                            |
| ⑤ Esther Marie Daniel Mini-Golf Course | ⑬ Denman and Mary Mallory Kountze Memorial Theatre     |
| ⑥ Ruth Giger Memorial Waterway         | ⑭ Lakeview Picnic Shelter                              |
| ⑦ Family Aquatic Center                | ⑮ Robert H. Storz Family Children's Recreational Areas |
| ⑧ Owen Tennis Complex                  | ⑯ Activity Center and Ice Rink                         |

Platte River

- Headquarters and Administration
- Recreational Vehicle Camping
- Trailer Dump Station
- Tent Camping
- Shower and Restroom
- Restroom
- Picnic Shelter
- Horseback Riding
- Swimming Pool
- Dining
- Lodging
- Information
- Phone
- Groceries
- Observation Tower
- Theatre
- Playground
- Toboggan Run
- Hiking Trail
- Hiking/Cross Country Ski Trails
- Biking Trail
- Bridges
- Fishing
- Fish Cleaning Station

Lee & Helene Sapp Riverview Lodge and Craft Center

Margre's Village (42 thru 54)

World Herald Row Cabins (15 thru 20)

Running Deer Cabins (33 thru 40)

Prairie Wolf Cabins (21 thru 32)

County Cork Cabins (1 thru 14)

Cabin 41

Peter Kiewit Lodge

QWEST Lake

Baright Lake

Softball Field

Little Creek Campground

John R. Lauritzen Administration Bldg.

Owen Marina

Park Entrance

← To SAC Museum (300 yards)

Nebr. Hwy 66

To Interchange 426  
Interstate 80

To Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park  
and Wildlife Safari (1 mile)

The land for Eugene T. Mahoney State Park was acquired in the spring of 1985. Development of this exceptional park progressed rapidly, with much of the funding coming from private donations to the Nebraska Game and Parks Foundation. Federal grants and state funds also financed development projects. The park opened in May 1991, the first state park in Nebraska designed for year-round operation.